

ORIGINAL PACKAGES.

Bill to Give the State Police Power Over Shipped Liquor.

PERSONS HEARD ON THE MEASURE.

The Bill Declared to Be the Most Important Measure Presented to Congress Since the Civil War—A Plan for Its Passage in Behalf of Mothers.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The house committee on the judiciary yesterday granted a hearing on the Hepburn-Dolliver bill to give the state police power over "original packages" of liquor shipped into a state for use and also will grant future hearings. Representatives Sulzer, of New York; Bartholdt, of Missouri; Sherley, of Kentucky; and Souder, of New York, announced that interested parties would like to be heard later. Robert Crain, of Baltimore, general counsel of the United States Brewers' association, said that the pending bill was the most important measure presented to congress since the civil war and asked ample time for its consideration.

Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie, representing the American Anti-Saloon league, said the legislation was necessary in view of decisions of the supreme court of the United States, denying to the states all power to control or prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors transported from one state to another while they remain in the original packages.

Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, legislative superintendent of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union, pleaded for the passage of the bill in behalf of the mothers of the country. She said she represented 300,000 women organized for temperance.

C. J. Hexamer, of Philadelphia, president of the National German-American alliance, an organization, he said, having 500,000 members, scored the prohibition movement. "If ever the will of the people," he said, "has been expressed in an unmistakable manner on any question it certainly has in regard to prohibition—a fallacy to which the efficacy of the interstate commerce law is now to be sacrificed."

THE BOODLE INQUIRY.

The Grand Jury at St. Louis Investigated for Mr. J. W. Peabody to Give His Testimony.

St. Louis, Jan. 21.—The grand jury investigation into the alleged new combine formed in the house of delegates to secure boodle money for the passage of a bill to permit the construction of a pneumatic delivery tube from the Union station to the world's fair grounds has come to almost a standstill pending the arrival of J. W. Peabody, of Boston. Mr. Peabody is president of the Pneumatic Transmission company and it is expected he will tell the grand jury that he was approached for \$10,000 to secure the passage of the ordinance. Mr. Peabody was expected to arrive Tuesday, but he is not yet here. Several persons were examined yesterday, but it is stated that Mr. Peabody's testimony is absolutely necessary before the grand jury can take any action.

TO RECLAIM THE DESERT.

A Scheme to Bring Under Cultivation Half a Million Acres to the Great Salt Lake Valley.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 21.—As the result of action taken yesterday at a mass meeting of farmers of the Salt Lake valley and stockholders of various irrigation companies using water from Utah lake, the government project for the use of that body of water as a great reservoir will soon be under way. The meeting by a unanimous vote approved the government plan and steps will at once be taken to form a mutual company with which the government can deal in the work of reclaiming the desert. The Utah lake reservoir scheme will bring under cultivation 500,000 acres of desert land in the great Salt Lake valley.

Smithson's Body Arrives at New York. New York, Jan. 21.—The body of John Smithson, founder of the Smithsonian institute at Washington, who died in Genoa in 1829, arrived on the steamer Princess Irene last night. The body was accompanied by Prof. Alexander Graham Bell, of the Smithsonian institute, and Mrs. Bell, who went to Italy for this purpose. The body will be taken to Washington on the United States dispatch boat Dolphin to-day.

Heavy Rain in Central Illinois. Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 21.—Almost two inches of rain in 24 hours has caused much damage in central Illinois. Employees of factories along Sugar creek were removed in boats and one street car line suspended on account of damage to the track.

Killed the Mother Shot Her Children. New York, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Louis Elton was mortally injured by a pistol shot at her home yesterday. Her two children were found dead, having been killed by pistol shots. It is believed that she first shot her children and then committed suicide.

Woman Trying to Blow Open Safe. Lexington, Ky., Jan. 21.—Sam Hargham, colored, was detected in blowing the safe in the ticket office of the Louisville & Nashville railroad yesterday. He had demolished doors and scattered tickets and papers over the floor and was playing blasting powder in the safe when detected by J. W. West, ticket agent. Hargham jumped through a window, West firing at him. The police caught Hargham. The machinists who opened the safe said the entire building and other buildings would have been demolished had the fuse been lighted.

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Top of Head Covered with Scales Which Pealed off Taking Hair with Them.

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A TOWN IN NORWAY BURNED.

Every Building in Aalesund Except the Hospital Destroyed and the Inhabitants Compelled to Camp in the Open.

Aalesund, Norway, Jan. 25.—The fire which swept over this town Saturday destroyed every building in it with the exception of the hospital. The 11,000 inhabitants of Aalesund were compelled to camp in the open as only a few damaged and uninhabitable houses were left standing. The children of the town had to be housed temporarily in the church at Borgund. The panic among the people was no great after the outbreak of the flames that all attempts at leadership or discipline became out of the question; no excesses, however, were committed.

Over 30 steam fishing boats and many sailing smacks were sunk in the harbor in order to save them from the flames, but three steamers and many smacks were burned. It is believed now that only three persons lost their lives. Thousands of persons had to spend 24 hours in the open fields, where they were without food and exposed to a bitterly cold wind and a driving rainstorm.

SEVERAL BLOCKS BURNED.

A Fire at Sour Lake Does \$100,000 Damage—Four Blocks Several Lives May Have Been Lost.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 25.—Fire yesterday destroyed several blocks of frame business houses at Sour Lake and got into the Cannon tract in the oil fields, doing considerable damage. The loss is placed at \$200,000 on first estimates. The fire was placed under control with the assistance of aid summoned from Beaumont. Whether there was any loss of life probably will never be known. Hundreds of men and women, half of whose names were practically unknown, roomed in the buildings that were destroyed and several persons could have been burned to death and never missed. Screams were heard at different times from the burning buildings, but the destruction was so complete that no charred remains can be found, or if there were they could not be identified.

THE EMIL MEYER MURDER.

Frank C. Dutton Sentenced to the Penitentiary for Twenty-Eight Years for the Crime.

Bethesda, Mo., Jan. 25.—Frank C. Dutton, who killed Emil Meyer in this city two months ago for the alleged betrayal and desertion of his daughter, Daisy Dutton, was sentenced to the penitentiary for 28 years by a jury in the Pettis county circuit court yesterday. The trial began Wednesday and the case was given to the jury Saturday night. The evidence showed that Meyer was shot in the back and it was this evidence that influenced the jury in their verdict of conviction. Sentiment was favorable to Dutton immediately after the shooting, but the post-mortem revealed facts which discredited Dutton's story of the causes which led up to the tragedy.

Fire in an Engine Room.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 25.—Fire in the engine room connected with the plant of the Kelley Flour Milling company, in the East bottoms, last evening did damage which will interfere with the operations of the mill for a period of two weeks.

PANIC IN A CHURCH.

A Colored Baptist Church in Armourdale Burned.

WILD SCRAMBLE BY WORSHIPERS.

A Good Old Negro Brother Shouted That Hell Was Nigh—The Church Was Destroyed by the Flood and Had Only Just Been Rebuilt.

Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 25.—A fire which started shortly before noon yesterday in the house of John Briscoe, a negro living at 206 Berger avenue, Armourdale, destroyed two small frame dwelling houses and the Tabernacle Baptist church (colored.) When the fire broke out there were about 100 negroes in the church attending Sunday morning service. Some one outside screamed "fire" and a wild scramble for the open air followed. An exhorter, who was filling the place of the pastor, Rev. Walter R. M. Holt, who is out of the city, had just finished a thrilling word picture of the fires of hell when the fire alarm was sounded. "Hell am right hyar, de fire an' brimstone am about to devour us!" shouted a good old negro brother and then he rushed wildly out of the church, the excited people pushing after him.

The buildings destroyed by fire were all small and were built of lumber saved out of the flood. They were occupied by negro families. John Briscoe and his wife, in whose house the fire started, were asleep and were awakened by the heat as the flames broke into the room. They barely had time to escape.

The Tabernacle Baptist church was one of the first negro churches established in Armourdale. Until 1898 it was located near the Cypress yards in "Weed City." In 1898 the church was moved to its present location. In the flood last June the little frame building was almost entirely wrecked. It was torn to pieces after the flood and rebuilt largely out of the old material. Rev. Mr. Holt secured the funds for rebuilding the church by taking up subscriptions about town. The building was reopened about a week ago, but was not yet finished.

ST. LOUIS DRIVERS' STRIKE.

All the Labor Unions in the City Indorse It and Demagogue Gov. Dockery and Chief of Police Kiely.

St. Louis, Jan. 25.—At a meeting last night of the Central Trades and Labor union, embracing all the labor unions in St. Louis, resolutions were adopted indorsing the strike recently declared by the drivers for liverymen and undertakers and denouncing the course of Gov. Dockery and Chief of Police Kiely in taking such rigid cognizance of the strike and permitting non-union drivers to be sworn in as private watchmen empowered to carry arms. The resolutions declare that the action of these two officials has caused the public to misunderstand the strike and to believe that it is attended with danger to life and property instead of being simply an enforcement of demands for higher wages and a limited number of working hours. All union men are urged to secure satisfaction at the polls when election comes. The members of the Liverymen's and Undertakers' association are also declared to be unfair and union men are called upon to refrain from hiring carriages or patronizing the association in any way. Many undertakers drove their own carriages during funeral yesterday. No interference was attempted by any of the strikers.

To Investigate the Cotton Boll Weevil. Washington, Jan. 25.—The secretary of agriculture has approved the plans for the cotton boll weevil investigation in the southwest, which a special appropriation of \$250,000 has been made available. Secretary Wilson believes that the best methods for meeting the ravages caused by the boll weevil will be to put into actual practice the facts which have been accumulated by the department during the past two years in the matter of improving cultural conditions, the planting of early maturing varieties of cotton, substitution of other crops, etc.

The Tug Cascade Sunk.

Lorain, O., Jan. 25.—In an effort to save some of the crafts swept out into the lake by Friday's flood the tug Cascade was sunk about 1,000 feet from port yesterday afternoon, after a severe battle with a heavy wind and snowstorm and great ice floes. The 12 men of the crew were rescued from an ice pack, where they had jumped when the tug began to go down. There is about 40 feet of water where the tug sank and an effort will be made to raise it when the weather clears. The tug is valued at \$20,000.

A Female Mother Fusses Away.

Denison, Tex., Jan. 25.—Mrs. N. C. Hargis, who died in this city yesterday at the age of 56, was the progenitress of 17 children, 40 grandchildren and 165 great-grandchildren.

Six buildings, including two hotels, were destroyed at Leavenworth, Wash., early yesterday by a fire which for a time threatened the entire town. Loss, \$200,000.

A disastrous hurricane has blown over the Fiji islands, resulting in great loss of life and property.

William McDonald, a miner, was killed by a train near Richmond, Mo., yesterday.

AN APPEAL FOR AID.

The American Bible Association Asks the People to Contribute Funds in Aid of Its Work.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The American Bible association has issued the following appeal:

"The American Bible society for nearly 38 years has pursued its single aim of circulating the Bible without note or comment in this and all lands. For this purpose it has been concerned in securing translations of the Scriptures in nearly 100 languages. It sustains a close relation to the Christian churches of the United States, as the ally and helper of their mission work at home and abroad and, as such, deserves and receives their support.

"But in addition the effect of its labors have been very marked upon our whole civilization. To have circulated, as it has done, 72,000,000 Bibles, Testaments, or portions thereof, is to have powerfully contributed to the moral health of the world. The social fabric of modern states has no surer foundation than the Bible, especially in a republic like ours, which rests upon the moral character and educated judgment of the individual. No thoughtful man can doubt that to decrease the circulation and use of the Bible among the people would seriously menace the highest interests of civilized humanity.

"Inasmuch as the work of the society is in danger of being seriously crippled from lack of funds, its appeals for aid should meet generous response from all who love American institutions. We owe a debt to the Bible which can be partly paid now by carrying forward this great undertaking with increased vigor."

The appeal bears the following signatures: President Roosevelt, former President Cleveland, Chief Justice Fuller, of the supreme court, and Associate Justices Harlan and Brewer; Secretary Hay, Secretary Shaw, Secretary Wilson, Secretary Cortelyou, former Secretary of State Foster, William J. Bryan, Senators Frye, Lodge, Morgan, Bard, Alger and Cockrell, and Representatives Payne, Daisell and John S. Williams.

LANDOWNERS IN SESSION.

A Movement Started at St. Paul to Stimulate Emigration into Western Canada.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 26.—Land men from northwest Canada, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, the Dakotas and Illinois gathered in a convention at the Merchants' hotel here yesterday afternoon. This gathering is composed of individuals who either own or are interested in Canadian lands. The purpose of the meeting primarily is to promote the interests of those concerned, by adopting measures to stimulate emigration into Canada and promoting a better feeling between those on each side of the Canadian border, socially and commercially.

By union of effort it is the intention to start an active propaganda that will bring the resources of Canada, more especially western Canada, before the homeseekers of this country and Europe.

Adolph Fein Fights in the Marshal's Office. St. Louis, Jan. 26.—Adolph Fein, who was brought from the penitentiary at Jefferson City to present information to the federal grand jury in connection with the naturalization frauds, faintly yesterday in the United States marshal's office several minutes after leaving the grand jury room. It is believed that Fein told the grand jury practically everything he knew concerning the fraudulent naturalization of aliens in St. Louis and important developments are expected. He came out of the grand jury room vigorously denouncing his former friends and soon after fell in a faint.

Charged with Murdering His Father.

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—The Clayton county grand jury yesterday returned two indictments against George Schafer, charging him with having murdered his father and with having robbed his parent of \$77. The father, Conrad Schafer, was a saddler. On the night of December 21 he partook of a bowl of soup and soon after died in agony. His wife, who also drank some of the soup, became seriously ill, but recovered. The state charges that young Schafer poisoned the soup and then took \$77 from the body of his father. He was arrested soon after his father's death on suspicion.

Three Carbons Added Into Her Face.

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—An unknown man threw carbolic acid into the eyes of Miss Virginia Butts as she was passing along North Broadway last night and it is believed that she will lose her sight. She was found in a snowdrift screaming and hurriedly taken to a physician's office. After the pain had been somewhat allayed she told the police that her unknown assailant had hurled the acid into her eyes. There is no clew.

Flooded Towns Enveloped in Ice.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 26.—There was little relief from the flood at Bloomsburg, Calverton and Hays yesterday afternoon. The cold weather has added to the discomfort and all the flooded towns are enveloped in a sheet of ice two or three inches thick.

Where Was Kait.

In Cairo, Egypt, it is the man who do the knitting. They belong to the poorer class and knit as they walk along the street. The man is also the spinner. He uses a reproduction of the distaff seen in the pictures of "The Three Fates."

Conspiracy Explored.

The employees of the Leipzig cannery object to being called "grave-diggers," and have abandoned the huge business.

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The Injured Will Number Twenty-Five at Most. Many of Whom Are Terribly Wounded—The Woodwork Taken Fire and a Water Pipe Burst.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 21.—An immense steam pipe directly over the engine in the boiler room of No. 3 mill of the Cambria Steel company exploded about 1:30 this morning, bringing down the whole section of roof running from the puddling mill to the finishing shed of the mill. The woodwork at once took fire from the furnaces and at this time is burning fiercely. It is known that at least two or three men are under the debris and it is not believed that these can be rescued in time to save their lives. About 15 men have been taken out and have been either sent to the hospital or are lying on improvised cots in offices nearby. It is impossible at present to learn the extent of their injuries, but it is known that several are in a critical condition.

Added to the fire and explosion disaster, a large water pipe burst and is flooding the ground about the scene of the accident. One man caught in the debris is in plain sight, but cannot be rescued, owing to the intense heat. It is probable that not one of the men trapped in can escape death—either by drowning or fire.

At 2:40 this morning the number of dead was estimated at from 12 to 14 men. The injured will number 25 or more, many of whom are terribly scalded and cannot live. Two bodies have been recovered.

A THREATENING LETTER.

A Merchant Asked to Leave \$250 at a Certain Spot Else His Son's Eyes Would Be Burned Out.

Winfield, Kan., Jan. 21.—J. W. Watts, a wealthy merchant of Winfield, this county, found a letter in his yard this week addressed to him, the anonymous writer demanding money upon a threat to burn out the eyes of Watts' son. The letter stated that if Watts would leave \$250 at a certain spot near Winfield at a certain time the boy would come home all right, otherwise he would "come home with his eyes burned out." Watts' life was threatened should he inform the officers of the letter.

The matter was placed in the hands of the sheriff, however, and the boy who was visiting in Winfield at the time, was shadowed to prevent being kidnapped. A plan to capture the blackmailer by decoy was unsuccessful. No attempt at kidnapping the boy or carrying out the threats of the letter have been made.

A NEGRO TOWN SURROUNDED.

Members of Three Anti-Negro Thief Associations Follow Two Men to the Vicinity of Wyck.

Choctaw, I. T., Jan. 21.—Wyck, a "negro town" on the Arkansas river, is surrounded by anti-negro thief vigilantes, who are in search of two thieves said to be in hiding there. Two horses belonging to Charles Douglas were stolen from this place Tuesday night. The anti-negro thief associations of this place, Wagner and Muskogee were notified. They got so close to the thieves that they abandoned the horses and took to the woods 25 miles south of here. The thieves were captured and were seen with the

farm hand they met and took all his money.

A Child Killed by a Live Wire.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 21.—Mary Peitlowitz, six years old, was fatally burned by a live wire yesterday at the corner of Twentieth and Olive streets. The child had been to a grocery and on her way home picked up a Citizen's Telephone company wire that lay across the sidewalk. The instant her hands came in contact with the wire she screamed and fell. Her efforts to extricate herself were of no avail. The wire had been crossed with the trolley wire of the Wyant park car line a block away and was heavily charged.

Hard to Get a Jury.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 21.—With the state entitled to one more peremptory challenge and with three still due the defendant, the special panel of 50 jurors in the Ralph Bain murder case was exhausted yesterday afternoon. Judge Wilson ordered another venire of 50 men drawn. This makes a total of 196 who have been called as jurors.

An Alcoholic Convicted of "Grat."

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 21.—"Guilty as charged, with recommendation to the court for mercy," is the verdict rendered by the superior court yesterday in the case against Alderman Jacob P. Ellen, of the First ward, charged with having accepted a bribe of \$350 in the Lake Michigan water deal scandal.

To Construct a Pipe Line.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 25.—The Standard Oil company has made an appropriation for the construction of a pipe line, to connect the new Kansas and Indian territory oil fields with the refinery at Whiting, Ind., near South Chicago. The project involves the laying of 700 miles of line at a cost of \$3,500,000, and with pumping stations, the total outlay will be over \$4,000,000.

Indian Territory Party to Settle in Mexico.

Monterey, Mex., Jan. 25.—A party of Indian territory colonists reached here yesterday and will proceed to Las Palmas, on the line of the Mexican Central railroad, for the purpose of settling upon a tract of 50,000 acres of land. The party was headed by C. D. Gully, of Norman, I. T.

Alarming Report from the Far East.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25.—Reports of an alarming nature continue to pour out of the far east. These include the statements that the Japanese are landing an army in Ma-Sam-Pho, Korea, and that 3,000 Russian troops are crossing the Yalu river.

Fire in a Leavenworth Mine.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 25.—A fire in the shaft of the North Leavenworth coal mine yesterday afternoon threatened to spread to the main entries. Volunteers got the flames under control. Mules in the mine were nearly smothered.

Bryan Threatens to Bolt.

Washington, Jan. 25.—William J. Bryan says he will bolt the democratic party and its nominee for president if he is not given his own way. This declaration was made to a reporter for a New York paper.

A More Successful Feasting at St. Petersburg.

London, Jan. 21.—All the special dispatches from St. Petersburg this morning reflect the more peaceful feasting which prevails there. Little change, however, is to be observed in the dispatches from Tokio, which represent the situation as unchanged.

Fire yesterday at Marietta, Ga., destroyed the mercantile establishment of Florence, King & Co. and five business buildings. Loss, \$100,000.